

Consultation

Eastern Green Link 3 statutory consultation on Early Construction Funding (ECF) and corresponding proposed modification to Special Condition 3.21 of their electricity transmission licence

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We are consulting on our minded-to position on the Early Construction Funding (ECF) application submitted jointly by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) and Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (SHET) for the Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL3) project, as governed by the licensees' electricity transmission licences and Special Condition 3.21 'Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Re-opener and Price Control Deliverable term (ASTIRt)'. The application seeks funding for strategic land purchases, early enabling works and early procurement commitments to support the accelerated delivery of EGL3. EGL3 is a 2GW high-voltage direct current (HVDC) electricity transmission link between Peterhead in Scotland and Walpole in Norfolk, England.

We would like views from people with an interest in new transmission infrastructure, meeting the net zero challenge, and competition in onshore transmission networks. We particularly welcome responses from consumer groups, stakeholders impacted by the project, stakeholders with an interest in the costs of electricity transmission infrastructure, and transmission owners.

This document outlines the scope, purpose, and questions of the consultation and how you can get involved. Once the consultation is closed, we will consider all responses.

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We want to be transparent in our consultations. We will publish the non-confidential responses we receive alongside a decision on next steps on our website at [ofgem.gov.uk/consultations](https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/consultations).

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Executive summary

Under National Grid Electricity Transmission plc's (NGET) and Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc's (SHET) electricity transmission licences, Special Condition 3.21 'Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Re-opener and Price Control Deliverable term (ASTIRt)' Part C: Early Construction Funding (ECF)¹, Ofgem can provide Transmission Owners (TOs) with ECF to enable permitted early construction activities that are required to accelerate projects before an ASTI Project Assessment (PA) decision. The permitted early construction activities are²:

- Strategic land purchases
- Early enabling works
- Early procurement commitments
- Other activities approved in advance by Ofgem

In May 2026, in line with the requirements of the ASTI licence framework and the ASTI Guidance and Submission Requirements Document, NGET and SHET submitted a second ECF application for the Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL3) project. This follows Ofgem's December 2025³ decision on the project's first ECF application and Material Scope Change (MSC) request, which approved funding to support accelerated delivery of the project. The licensees have requested further ECF funding for additional strategic land purchases, early enabling works and early procurement commitments required to maintain programme momentum and facilitate timely delivery of the project. The application is for 2% of the project's forecast cost, bringing the total ECF requested across both applications to 10.4%.

EGL3 is a proposed 2GW high-voltage direct current (HVDC) electricity transmission link between Peterhead in Aberdeenshire and Walpole in Norfolk. The project is intended to increase electricity transfer capability between Scotland and England, reduce system constraints, facilitate the connection of offshore wind generation and support delivery of Great Britain's net zero objectives.

As part of our assessment of this ECF application we have undertaken a high-level analysis of the proposed early construction activities to determine whether they are justified and eligible under the licence and ASTI guidance.

Our minded-to position is to approve the ECF request and to amend the allowances set out for each of these projects in Appendix 1 (ASTIAt) of SpC 3.21 'Accelerated Strategic

¹ [Licences and licence conditions | Ofgem](#)

² [Decision to modify the special licence conditions in the electricity transmission licences: Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment | Ofgem](#)

³ [Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment: Material Scope Change and Early Construction Funding - EGL3, EGL4 and GWNC | Ofgem](#)

Consultation Eastern Green Link 3 statutory consultation on Early Construction Funding (ECF) and corresponding proposed modification to Special Condition 3.21 of their electricity transmission licence Transmission Investment Reopener and Price Control Deliverable term (ASTIRt)' in SHET's and NGET's electricity transmission licences (the Licences) to reflect this ECF expenditure request. The term will have the value given in the corresponding updated version of the ASTI Confidential Annex. It should be noted that approval of the ECF request does not determine the level of efficient expenditure that should ultimately be funded. We will carry out those assessments as part of a full cost assessment, including of early construction costs, at the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment (ASTI) Project Assessment (PA) stage. TOs can ultimately only recover costs considered to be efficient following a Project Assessment.

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1. Introduction

This section details what this consultation is about, context and related documents.

Purpose of this consultation

EGL3 is a proposed 2GW high-voltage direct current (HVDC) electricity transmission link between Peterhead in Aberdeenshire and Walpole in Norfolk. This consultation seeks views on Ofgem's minded-to position in relation to the ECF application submitted jointly by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) and Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (SHET) for the Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL3) project. It also seeks views on the proposed modifications to Appendix 1 of Special Condition 3.21 of NGET's and SHET's electricity transmission licences to reflect the provision of ECF for EGL3.

In Chapter 2, we provide a summary of the project and the activities for which ECF has been requested. These activities fall within the categories of strategic land purchases, early procurement commitments and early enabling works. Respondents are invited to consider whether these activities are in consumers' interests and support the timely delivery of strategic transmission infrastructure. We also summarise our assessment of the application and set out our minded-to position.

Our consultation questions are:

- **Q1:** Do you agree with our minded-to position to provide ECF for the EGL3 project?
- **Q2:** Do you agree with our proposed modifications to Appendix 1 of Special Condition 3.21 to reflect the provision of ECF for EGL3?

We note that the purpose of ECF is to enable certain permitted early construction activities before a project has received all relevant planning consents and before it is considered through the ASTI Project Assessment process. The provision of ECF does not represent approval of the project through any planning or consenting regime. Ofgem is not responsible for planning decisions, and the award of ECF should not influence the outcome of those processes. We encourage stakeholders to engage directly with the relevant planning and consenting processes, which remain the appropriate forums for expressing views on the project's design, routeing, environmental impacts and other needs.

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Context and related publications

Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment: Material Scope Change and Early Construction Funding - EGL3, EGL4 and GWNC: [Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment: Material Scope Change and Early Construction Funding - EGL3, EGL4 and GWNC | Ofgem](#)

Decision on accelerating onshore electricity transmission investment: [Ofgem.gov.uk/publications/decision-accelerating-onshore-electricity-transmission-investment](#)

Decision to modify the special licence conditions in the electricity transmission licences and corresponding Associated Document: Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment, Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance And Submission Requirements Document: [Ofgem.gov.uk/publications/decision-modify-special-licence-conditions-electricity-transmission-licences-accelerated-strategic-transmission-investment](#)

Consultation stages

Stage 1 Consultation open: 30 October 2026

Stage 2 Consultation closes (awaiting decision). Deadline for responses: 30 November 2026

Stage 3 Responses reviewed and published: January 2027

Stage 4 Consultation outcome (decision or policy statement): January 2027

How to respond

We want to hear from anyone interested in this consultation. Please send your response to the person or team named on the front page of this document.

We have asked for your feedback in each of the questions throughout. Please respond to each one as fully as you can.

We will publish non-confidential responses on our website.

Your response, data, and confidentiality

You can ask us to keep your response, or parts of your response, confidential. We will respect this, subject to obligations to disclose information. For example, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, statutory directions, court orders, government regulations, or where you give us explicit

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permission to disclose. If you do want us to keep your response confidential, please clearly mark this on your response and explain why.

If you wish us to keep part of your response confidential, please clearly mark those parts of your response that you do wish to be kept confidential and those that you do not wish to be kept confidential. Please put the confidential material in a separate appendix to your response. If necessary, we will contact you to discuss which parts of the information in your response should be kept confidential and which can be published. We might ask for reasons why.

If the information you give in your response contains personal data under the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679) as retained in domestic law following the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union ("UK GDPR"), the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority will be the data controller for the purposes of GDPR. Ofgem uses the information in responses in performing its statutory functions and in accordance with section 105 of the Utilities Act 2000. Please refer to our Privacy Notice on consultations, see Appendix 4.

If you wish to respond confidentially, we will keep your response confidential, but we will publish the number, but not the names, of confidential responses we receive. We will not link responses to respondents if we publish a summary of responses, and we will evaluate each response on its own merits without undermining your right to confidentiality.

How to track the progress of a consultation

1. Find the web page for the call for input you would like to receive updates on.
2. Click 'Get emails about this page', enter your email address and click 'Submit'.
3. You will receive an email to notify you when it has changed status.

A consultation has three stages: 'Open', 'Closed (awaiting decision)', and 'Closed (with decision)'.

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2. EGL3 - Early Construction Funding Application

Assessment Section heading

Section summary

This chapter sets out the ECF application.

Brief description of the project

- 2.1 The EGL3 project is a proposed 2GW high-voltage direct current (HVDC) electricity transmission link between Peterhead in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and Walpole in Norfolk, England. The project is being jointly developed by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc (NGET) and Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc (SHET) as a joint venture (JV) under the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment (ASTI) framework.
- 2.2 The project consists of offshore and onshore electricity transmission infrastructure, including subsea HVDC cables, onshore cable connections, converter stations at the northern and southern ends of the route, and associated supporting infrastructure. The southern onshore cable route is approximately 100km in length and connects the landfall location in Lincolnshire to the Walpole area in Norfolk. The project also includes a converter station near Peterhead, which will connect into the wider Netherton Hub development, and a converter station in the Walpole area.
- 2.3 EGL3 is intended to increase transmission capacity between Scotland and England, reduce network constraints, and facilitate the connection and transport of increasing volumes of renewable electricity generation.
- 2.4 EGL3 forms part of a wider programme of strategic network reinforcements required to support a secure, affordable and decarbonised electricity system. The project will also support delivery of Great Britain's net zero objectives. NESO's Clean Power 2030 report noted that although the project's delivery date is beyond 2030, any acceleration would be beneficial. ⁴
- 2.5 Due to evolving system needs, an increase in customer demand, environmental factors and potential consenting challenges in delivering the original Holistic Network Design (HND) recommended by NESO, Ofgem approved a Material Scope Change (MSC)⁵ for EGL3. With this approval, Ofgem stated its intention to

⁴ [NESO Clean Power 2030 Annex 2](#)

⁵ [Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment: Material Scope Change and Early Construction Funding - EGL3, EGL4 and GWNC](#)

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amend the Confidential Annexes of the respective licences to reflect the updated project forecast cost and set a new Output Delivery Incentive (ODI) target date of 31 August 2034 for the project.

- 2.6 Ofgem reviewed the project's first ECF request (ECF1) based on the project's updated forecast costs and approved an ECF allowance of 8.4% of the project's updated forecast cost.⁶

ECF application overview

- 2.7 In May 2026 NGET and SHET applied for ECF (ECF2) to support a programme of early activities prior to Project Assessment (PA). These activities fall within the categories permitted under SpC 3.21, namely strategic land purchases, early procurement commitments, and early enabling works. We have assessed the eligibility of these activities and whether funding them at this stage would be in the consumers' interests.
- 2.8 The application reflects the need to undertake preparatory works within existing sites, and acquire additional land required to enable efficient construction and reduce delivery risk. NGET and SHET have indicated that without ECF, the project would be exposed to delays and increased costs, with adverse impacts on consumers through prolonged system constraints.
- 2.9 The second ECF application is for 2% of EGL3's projected forecast cost as set out in the TOs' respective licences. This is in addition to the 8.4% ECF spend that was previously approved in December 2025⁷, bringing the combined ECF amount to 10.4% of the ASTI licence project value.
- 2.10 As stated in our ASTI decision⁸, TOs are able to apply for ECF for each of the ASTI projects of up to 20% of each project's forecast cost.
- 2.11 A full cost analysis of these costs will be conducted as part of the PA to ensure that only efficient costs are recoverable. This ECF review assesses only the eligibility of the proposed activities to be funded under early construction funding in accordance with our ASTI Guidance⁹. The efficiency of the cost of these activities will be tested at PA stage and any costs considered inefficient will be disallowed.

Strategic land purchase

⁶ [Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment: Material Scope Change and Early Construction Funding - EGL3, EGL4 and GWNC](#)

⁷ [Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment: Material Scope Change and Early Construction Funding - EGL3, EGL4 and GWNC](#)

⁸ [Decision on accelerating onshore electricity transmission investment | Ofgem](#), paragraph 5.28

⁹ [Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance And Submission Requirements Document](#)

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2.12 Some of the land option costs were covered in the JV's previous ECF1 submission.

NGET and SHET have identified further requirements associated with the Southern onshore cable route and the outright purchase of land associated with the Southern Converter site. Below we detail the specific activities that NGET and SHET are requesting funding for.

2.13 Strategic land purchase activities requested in this ECF are:

- **Southern Cable Corridor Easements:** the funding will be used for payments to be made to secure permanent legal rights along the southern onshore cable corridor to enable installation, operation and maintenance of the HVDC cable system.
- **Southern Converter Site Purchase:** the funding will be used to acquire the Walpole converter station site. This aims to facilitate accelerated enabling works, including access improvements, utility diversions and environmental mitigation. Part of the land is required imminently to take measures that ensure compliance with requirements by Natural England and obtain the necessary environmental licence.

2.14 The costs associated with the strategic land purchase of the Walpole converter site are in addition to costs covered under ECF1 after a change in strategy altered the strategic land purchase needs. The JV has identified that an early outright purchase through voluntary agreements is necessary to facilitate submission of Town and Country Planning Application (TCPA) for enabling works such as highway improvements, site access advance works etc. This would allow the project to progress to construction as soon as it obtains a Development Consent Order (DCO).

2.15 The costs included in the ECF submission represent 50% of the anticipated cost for joint strategic land activities in the south, reflecting EGL3's share, with Eastern Green Link 4 (EGL4) covering the remaining 50%¹⁰.

Consumer benefits and protections in place

2.16 Early acquisition and purchase reduce delivery risk, enable construction preparation activities and help avoid future cost escalation or route changes. Given the project's potential to decrease constraint costs and increase the

¹⁰ EGL4 is a proposed 2GW high-voltage direct current electricity transmission link between Westfield in Fife and the Walpole area in Norfolk. EGL3 and EGL4 share part of the same route, infrastructure and facilities. Where the same activities are required for the completion of both projects, the cost of these activities is shared accordingly.

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resilience of the energy system, reducing the risk of delays is in the consumer's interest.

2.17 NGET and SHET have implemented several measures to protect consumers, including:

- the use of option agreements where practicable, limiting the need to purchase the land outright immediately, which means the consumer is not exposed to the full cost early in the process
- restricting outright purchases to low-regret circumstances, and
- maintaining detailed governance over land acquisition decisions, committing funds no earlier than necessary

2.18 If project requirements change or DCO is not obtained, the acquired land may retain residual value through repurposing or resale. We will expect the joint venture to recover as much of the cost as possible to limit consumer exposure to financial loss.

Early enabling works

2.19 There was no request made for early enabling works in ECF1 for EGL3. NGET and SHET have informed us that the project has sufficiently progressed in the development lifecycle to make a request for early enabling works in ECF2. Early construction works are expected to start late 2026, with the majority of main construction works commencing in 2028.

2.20 Early enabling works activities requested under this ECF are:

- **UXO Investigation/Clearance:** required to undertake mandatory marine unexploded ordnance (UXO) investigation and clearance activities along the offshore cable route to achieve As Low As Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) certification, secure marine licences and enable contractor mobilisation.
- **Fishing Compensation:** provides compensation and liaison arrangements to facilitate the temporary cessation of fishing and removal of fishing gear from survey and construction areas where those interact with commercial fishing grounds, enabling offshore works to proceed safely and efficiently. This is an industry-wide measure to ensure marine surveys are carried out safely and lawfully. The funding requested aims to ensure cooperation thereby preventing disruption to the project schedule and higher costs associated with legal disputes that might otherwise occur in the event of potential conflicts. The cost is calculated using verified accounts, sales notes and

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other evidence to ensure fairness and accuracy. The timing of fishing compensation costs aligns with the planned survey programme.

- **Southern Onshore Cable Corridor - DNO Works:** supports the development of feasibility studies and engineering designs for modifications to existing distribution network assets affected by the southern onshore cable route.
- **Southern Onshore Cable Design Enabling Works:** required to undertake targeted ground investigations and other intrusive surveys at high-risk locations along the cable route to support detailed cable design development.

2.21 NGET and SHET have further broken down the enabling works required for the delivery of the project into work packages that are grouped by the type of work required. These work packages are delivered through a series of contracts that the JV intends to procure with funding requested under this ECF. The work packages and associated activities that the JV has requested funding for are:

- **Work Package 3: Civils and Converter Building North:** the funding for this package will go towards the appointment of a contractor to undertake converter building works for the northern converter station at Netherton Hub. This package includes early contractor involvement (ECI), initial works and construction phase. The cost requested under this ECF is limited to ECI. ECI covers the refinement of the converter station civil design, setting of the target price, testing risk allocations, and establishing key construction documentation
- **Work Package 5: Groundworks, Civils and Converter Building South:** supports the appointment of a contractor to deliver converter building works for the southern converter station at Walpole. This includes early contractor involvement (ECI), initial works and construction phase. The package also includes early enabling works required to prepare the site for main construction, including access and highway improvements, utility diversions, drainage, environmental mitigation, ground investigations and site establishment activities. These works improve construction readiness, reduce delivery risks and support the timely delivery of EGL3. The cost requested under this ECF is limited to ECI and the aforementioned early enabling works.
- **Work Package 6: Common Converter Civils Design:** required to develop coordinated and standardised civil designs for both converter stations through the appointment of a common converter civil designer.

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- 2.22 These activities are intended to support the timely and efficient delivery of EGL3 by reducing key design, construction, procurement and programme risks ahead of main construction.
- 2.23 They enable critical path activities to progress earlier, improve design maturity, secure access to constrained supply chains, facilitate essential enabling works and resolve site-specific risks before they can affect delivery. This reduces the likelihood of future delays, inefficient working, redesign and cost escalation, helping to ensure that consumers realise the benefits of EGL3 at the earliest practicable opportunity.
- 2.24 Earlier delivery supports the project's contribution to relieving transmission constraints, reducing network costs and facilitating the connection and transport of renewable generation.
- 2.25 We note that activities in the early enabling works category are typically non-transferable and non-refundable. We have engaged with NGET and SHET on this extensively to ensure that consumer money is protected as much as possible.
- 2.26 For WP3, NGET and SHET have used a phased contracting approach, with funding at this stage limited to early contractor involvement (ECI) activities.
- 2.27 This allows design development, assessments, programme planning and risk identification to be progressed ahead of main construction, helping to improve cost certainty and reduce delivery risk.
- 2.28 The ECI contracts are structured to provide flexibility should project circumstances change. Expenditure is incurred progressively as work is undertaken and this limits consumer exposure to sunk costs and allows the projects to retain control over future expenditure.
- 2.29 Should the projects not progress as anticipated, further work can be stopped without committing consumers to the full value of the contracts, reducing the risk of unnecessary unrecoverable costs.
- 2.30 NGET and SHET have also explained that the UXO investigation activity may have residual value, in the unlikely event that the project does not progress. Should another project seek to use a similar route the data could potentially inform future assessments, although we acknowledge that the applicability would depend on project-specific requirements and regulatory acceptance.

3. Our Minded-To Position

Section summary

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This chapter outlines our minded-to position on the ECF application and includes our consultation questions.

Questions

- Q1. Do you agree with our minded-to position to provide ECF for the EGL3 project?
- Q2. Do you agree with our proposed modification to adjust ASTIA_t in Appendix 1 of SpC 3.21?

- 3.1 We have engaged with NGET and SHET on this project and we are satisfied that the activities set out in this request are justified and eligible to be funded under SpC 3.21 as early construction funding.
- 3.2 These activities will protect the delivery schedule of EGL3 and minimise delivery risk, thereby helping to reduce the financial burden of future constraint costs to the consumer.
- 3.3 We are satisfied that NGET and SHET have placed sufficient consumer protections in place to limit the exposure to financial loss in the event of project cancellation.
- 3.4 Rejecting this ECF request would increase the risk of delivery delay by preventing important early works to proceed as soon as practical. This would ultimately negatively impact consumers because delays to the project would result in boundary constraint costs.
- 3.5 We are therefore minded-to approve the request of 2% of the ASTI licence project value. Combined with the previously approved ECF request, this will take the project's total ECF allowance to 10.4% of the project cost. This figure falls within the threshold in our ASTI decision, which sets out that ECF expenditure should be limited to 20% of the project cost.¹¹
- 3.6 It is Ofgem's view that this strikes a fair balance between protecting the consumer from excessive risk, while still promoting acceleration of the project and providing a safe, clean and stable energy network, which is ultimately in the consumer's interest.
- 3.7 We expect NGET and SHET to take all reasonable steps to ensure timely and successful delivery of the project and to ensure that consumer risks in every scenario are kept as low as practical. In the event of project cancellation, we would expect the joint venture to recover as much of the costs as possible – i.e. through land resale or repurposing of activities or materials.

¹¹ [Decision on accelerating onshore electricity transmission investment](#), December 2022, para 5.30

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4. Next steps

Section summary

This chapter sets out the next steps in our assessment under the ASTI framework.

- 4.1 Our consultation on the positions set out in this document will close on 30 November 2026.
- 4.2 We aim to publish our ECF decision in January 2027 and, subject to the outcome of the consultation, this will be alongside the decision to modify NGET and SHETs' respective licence in accordance with section 11A of the Electricity Act 1989.
- 4.3 The proposed modifications to Appendix 1 of SpC 3.21 are set out in the accompanying document to this consultation.

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Send us your feedback

We believe that consultation is at the heart of good policy development. We are keen to receive your comments about this consultation. We would also like to get your answers to these questions:

- Do you have any comments about the quality of this document?
- Do you have any comments about its tone and content?
- Was it easy to read and understand? Or could it have been better written?
- Are its conclusions balanced?
- Did it make reasoned recommendations?
- Do you have any further comments?

Please send your feedback to stakeholders@ofgem.gov.uk.

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Annex 1. National Grid’s Notice of statutory consultation to modify SpC 3.21

To: National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc

Electricity Act 1989

Section 11A (2)

Notice of statutory consultation on a proposal to modify the Special Conditions of the electricity transmission licences held by National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc.

1. The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority (‘the Authority’) proposes to modify the Special Conditions (SpC) of the electricity transmission licence held by National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (NGET) granted or treated as granted under 6(1)(b) of the Electricity Act 1989 by amending an allowance value (ASTIAt) referenced in Appendix 1 (ASTI Price Control Deliverable) of SpC 3.21 (Accelerated strategic transmission investment Re-opener and Price Control Deliverable term (ASTIRt)).
2. In line with SpC 3.21.10 and the Accelerated Strategic Investment Guidance and Submission Requirements Document, we are proposing this modification because we are satisfied that NGET’s Early Construction Funding (ECF) application for the Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL3) project:
 - a. was pre-empted by a notice in writing of NGET’s intention to make the application under section 3.21.7 at least 8 weeks before NGET made the application; and
 - b. there is a clear justification for why it is in consumer’s interests to provide funding for the proposed activities to take place ahead of our cost assessment as part of the Project Assessment process as the early construction activities will aid in accelerating project delivery
3. The effect of the proposed modification is to adjust the allowances contained in the ASTI Confidential Annex as referenced in Appendix 1 (ASTIAt) of Special Condition 3.21 ‘Accelerated strategic transmission investment Re-opener and Price Control Deliverable term (ASTIAt)’ in NGET’s electricity transmission licence to allow NGET’s ECF expenditure application. The proposed modification will be reflected in what will become the latest version of the ASTI Confidential Annex.
4. With the exception of the ASTI Confidential Annex, a copy of the proposed modification and other documents referred to in this Notice have been

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published on our website (www.ofgem.gov.uk). Alternatively, they are available from information.rights@ofgem.gov.uk.

5. The full text of the proposed modification to Appendix 1 of SpC 3.21 is set out below in Appendix 2. For reasons of commercial sensitivity, details of the amended allowance are confidential but will be issued to NGET in the updated ASTI Confidential Annex.
6. Any representations with respect to the proposed licence modification must be made on or before 30 November 2026 to: Thomas Johns, Office of Gas and Electricity Markets, 32 Albion Street, Glasgow, G1 1LH or by email to Transmission.Acceleration@ofgem.gov.uk and marked for the attention of Thomas Johns.
7. We normally publish all responses on our website. However, if you do not wish your response to be made public then please clearly mark it as not for publication. We prefer to receive responses in an electronic form so they can be placed easily on our website.
8. If we decide to make the proposed modification, it will take effect not less than 56 days after the decision to modify the licence is published.

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Thomas Johns

Deputy Director of Major Projects Delivery

Duly authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

30 October 2026

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Annex 2. SHET's Notice of statutory consultation to modify SpC 3.21

To: Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc

Electricity Act 1989

Section 11A (2)

Notice of statutory consultation on a proposal to modify the Special Conditions of the electricity transmission licences held by Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission plc.

1. The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority ('the Authority') proposes to modify the Special Conditions (SpC) of the electricity transmission licence held by Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET) granted or treated as granted under 6(1)(b) of the Electricity Act 1989 by amending an allowance value (ASTIAt) referenced in Appendix 1 (ASTI Price Control Deliverable) of SpC 3.21 (Accelerated strategic transmission investment Re-opener and Price Control Deliverable term (ASTIRt)).
2. In line with SpC 3.21.10 and the Accelerated Strategic Investment Guidance and Submission Requirements Document, we are proposing this modification because we are satisfied that SHET's Early Construction Funding (ECF) application for the Eastern Green Link 3 (EGL3) project:
 - a. was pre-empted by a notice in writing of SHET's intention to make the application under section 3.21.7 at least 8 weeks before SHET made the application; and
 - b. there is a clear justification for why it is in consumer's interests to provide funding for the proposed activities to take place ahead of our cost assessment as part of the Project Assessment process as the early construction activities will aid in accelerating project delivery
3. The effect of the proposed modification is to adjust the allowances contained in the ASTI Confidential Annex as referenced in Appendix 1 (ASTIAt) of Special Condition 3.21 'Accelerated strategic transmission investment Re-opener and Price Control Deliverable term (ASTIAt)' in SHET's electricity transmission licence to allow SHET's ECF expenditure application. The proposed modification will be reflected in what will become the latest version of the ASTI Confidential Annex.
4. With the exception of the ASTI Confidential Annex, a copy of the proposed modification and other documents referred to in this Notice have been

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published on our website (www.ofgem.gov.uk). Alternatively, they are available from information.rights@ofgem.gov.uk.

5. The full text of the proposed modification to Appendix 1 of SpC 3.21 is set out below in Appendix 2. For reasons of commercial sensitivity, details of the amended allowance are confidential but will be issued to SHET in the updated ASTI Confidential Annex.
6. Any representations with respect to the proposed licence modification must be made on or before 30 November 2026 to: Thomas Johns, Office of Gas and Electricity Markets, 32 Albion Street, Glasgow, G1 1LH or by email to Transmission.Acceleration@ofgem.gov.uk and marked for the attention of Thomas Johns.
7. We normally publish all responses on our website. However, if you do not wish your response to be made public then please clearly mark it as not for publication. We prefer to receive responses in an electronic form so they can be placed easily on our website.
8. If we decide to make the proposed modification, it will take effect not less than 56 days after the decision to modify the licence is published.

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Thomas Johns

Deputy Director of Major Projects Delivery

Duly authorised on behalf of the Gas and Electricity Markets Authority

30 October 2026

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Annex 3. NGET's Special Condition 3.21 Accelerated strategic transmission investment Re-opener and Price Control Deliverable term (ASTIR_t)

Special Condition 3.21 Accelerated strategic transmission investment Re-opener and Price Control Deliverable term (ASTIR_t)

Introduction

- 3.21.1 The purpose of this condition is to specify the value of the term ASTIR_t (the accelerated strategic transmission investment Re-opener term). This contributes to the calculation of the Totex Allowance.
- 3.21.2 The effect of this condition is to:
- (a) specify the ASTI Outputs, delivery dates and allowances for the Price Control Deliverable;
 - (b) establish a Re-opener for the licensee to apply for an adjustment to the ASTI Outputs, delivery dates and allowances in Appendix 1 and the minimum circuit availability standard after delivery in Appendix 2;
 - (c) provide for an assessment of the Price Control Deliverable; and
 - (d) establish the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document.
- 3.21.3 This condition also sets out the process the Authority will follow when making changes to Appendix 1 as a result of the Re-openers.

Part A: Formula for calculating the accelerated strategic transmission investment Re-opener term (ASTIR_t)

- 3.21.4 The value of ASTIR_t is derived in accordance with the following formula:

where:

ASTIA_t means the allowances in Appendix 1; and

ASTIRA_t has the value zero unless otherwise directed by the Authority in accordance with Part G.

Part B: ASTI Outputs

- 3.21.5 The licensee must deliver the ASTI Outputs no later than 12 months after the delivery dates specified in Appendix 1.
- 3.21.6 After the ASTI Output has been delivered it must be operational and available for use by the ISOP for the period specified in Appendix 2 after application of

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the exclusions set out in Chapter 4 of the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document.

Part C: Early Construction Funding

- 3.21.7 The licensee may, in respect of any ASTI Output, apply for an Early Construction Funding decision to adjust ASTIAt.
- 3.21.8 Unless the Authority directs otherwise, the aggregate allowances provided under paragraph 3.21.7 for any ASTI Output may not exceed 20% of the total forecast project cost listed in the ASTI Confidential Annex.
- 3.21.9 The licensee must notify the Authority in writing of its intention to make an application under 3.21.7 at least eight weeks before making an application, unless the Authority directs otherwise.
- 3.21.10 A modification under this Part will be made under section 11A of the Act.

Part D: ASTI Project Assessment Decision

- 3.21.11 The licensee may, in respect of any ASTI, apply for an ASTI Project Assessment Decision and an associated modification of Appendices 1 and 2 to:
- (a) specify or amend an ASTI Output, a delivery date and associated allowances; and
 - (b) specify the minimum circuit availability standard after delivery for the relevant ASTI Output.
- 3.21.12 Unless the Authority otherwise directs, the licensee may only apply for an ASTI Project Assessment Decision after submission of all material planning consent applications.
- 3.21.13 A modification under this Part will be made under section 11A of the Act.

Part E: ASTI Cost And Output Adjusting Event

- 3.21.14 The licensee may apply for a modification to the ASTI Outputs and allowances in Appendix 1 where it considers that there has been one or more ASTI Cost And Output Adjusting Event.
- 3.21.15 The licensee may only apply under this Part to modify allowances in Appendix 1 where:
- (a) expenditure has been caused to increase or decrease by at least the percentage specified in, or in accordance with, paragraph 3.21.17, calculated before the application of the Totex Incentive Mechanism, relative to the relevant allowance in Appendix 1 by the event or if there has been more than

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one event:

(b)by each event;

(c)if the Authority has directed that the events in relation to the relevant ASTI Output should count cumulatively towards the percentage threshold,; and

(d)the increase or decrease in expenditure is expected to be efficiently incurred or saved.

3.21.16 The licensee may apply under this Part to modify the ASTI Outputs in Appendix 1 only where there is a material change to the scope of the relevant ASTI project.

3.21.17 The percentage referred to in paragraph 3.21.15(a) is:

(a)5%; or

(b)for the purpose of the ASTI Output E2DC, 1%; or

(c)for the purpose of ASTI Output E4D3, 0.75%; or

(d)such other percentage as the Authority may specify by direction.

3.21.18 An application under this Part must be made in writing and must:

(a)include detailed supporting evidence that an ASTI Cost And Output Adjusting Event meeting the requirements set out in paragraphs 3.21.15, or where applicable 3.21.16, has occurred;

(b)set out the modifications requested to the ASTI Outputs or associated allowances in Appendix 1;

(c)explain the basis of the calculation for any proposed modification to the allowances in Appendix 1, which must be designed to keep, so far as is reasonably practicable, the financial position and performance of the licensee the same as if the ASTI Cost And Output Adjusting Event had not occurred; and

(d)include a statement from a technical adviser, who is external to and independent from the licensee, whether, considered in the context of the value of the ASTI Output, the proposed modification to the ASTI Output or associated allowances fairly reflects the effects of the ASTI Cost And Output Adjusting Event.

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3.21.19 The Authority may make a modification under this Part where:

- (a) there has been an application under this Part;
- (b) there has been an ASTI Cost And Output Adjusting Event in relation to the relevant ASTI;
- (c) the requirements of paragraphs 3.21.14 to 3.21.18, where applicable, have been met; and
- (d) the proposed modifications to Appendix 1 have the effect so far as is reasonably practicable of keeping the financial position and performance of the licensee the same as if the ASTI Cost And Output Adjusting Event had not occurred.

3.21.20 A modification under this Part will be made under section 11A of the Act.

Part F: Modification of delivery date in Appendix 1 further to an ASTI ODI Penalty Exemption Period decision or ASTI ODI Target Date decision under Part B of Special Condition 4.7 (Accelerated strategic transmission investment output delivery incentive)

3.21.21 The Authority will modify the delivery dates in Appendix 1 where it decides under Part B of Special Condition 4.7 (Accelerated strategic transmission investment output delivery incentive) to make a modification to the ASTI ODI Penalty Exemption Period or ASTI ODI Target Date in Appendix 1 of Special Condition 4.7.

3.21.22 A modification under this Part will be made under section 11A of the Act.

Part G: Assessment of the Price Control Deliverable (ASTIRAt)

3.21.23 The Authority will, in accordance with the assessment principles set out in Part A of Special Condition 9.3 (Price Control Deliverable assessment principles and reporting requirements), consider directing a value for ASTIRAt where the licensee has not Fully Delivered an output in Appendix 1.

Part H: What process will the Authority follow in making a direction?

3.21.24 Before making a direction under Part G the Authority will publish on the Authority's Website:

- (a) the text of the proposed direction;
- (b) the reasons for the proposed direction; and

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(c) a period during which representations may be made on the proposed direction, which will be up to 28 days unless the Authority determines that a longer period is appropriate.

3.21.25 A direction in respect of Part G will set out:

(a) the delivery status of the ASTI Output that has not been Fully Delivered;

(b) the value of the ASTIRt term and the Regulatory Years to which that adjustment relates; and

(c) the methodology and data that has been used to decide the delivery status and value of any adjustments to the ASTIRt term.

Part I: Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document

3.21.26 The licensee must comply with the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document.

3.21.27 The Authority will issue and amend the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document by direction.

3.21.28 The Authority will publish the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document on the Authority's Website.

3.21.29 The Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document will make provision about the detailed requirements for Parts C, D, E and F.

3.21.30 The Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document will also make provision about the detailed requirements under Special Condition 3.20 (ASTI Pre-Construction Funding Re-opener, Price Control Deliverable and Use It Or Lose It Adjustment) and Special Condition 4.7 (ASTI output delivery incentive).

3.21.31 Before directing that the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document comes into effect, the Authority will publish on the Authority's Website:

(a) the text of the proposed Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document;

(b) the date on which the Authority intends the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document to come into effect; and

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(c) a period during which representations may be made on the text of the proposed Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document, which will be up to 28 days unless the Authority determines that a longer period is appropriate.

3.21.32 Before directing an amendment to the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document, the Authority will publish on the Authority's Website:

(a) the text of the amended Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document;

(b) the date on which the Authority intends the amended Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document to come into effect;

(c) the reasons for the amendments to the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document; and

(d) a period during which representations may be made on the amendments to the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document, which will be up to 28 days unless the Authority determines that a longer period is appropriate.

Appendix 1

ASTI Price Control Deliverable

ASTI Output	Delivery Date	Allowance (ASTI _t , £m)	ECF/PA
New 400 kV double circuit in north East Anglia (NOA Code: AENC)	31 December 2031	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF
New 400 kV double circuit in south East Anglia (NOA Code: ATNC)	31 December 2031	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF
New 400 kV double circuit between Bramford and Twinstead (NOA Code: BTNO)	31 December 2029	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF

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New 400 kV double circuit between Creyke Beck and the south Humber (NOA Code: CGNC)	31 December 2031	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF
<p>Eastern subsea HVDC link from Torness to Hawthorn Pit (NOA Code: E2DC) consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -2GW additional network capacity, subject to 5% margin. -176km HVDC marine cable (525kV Cross-linked polyethylene (XLPE) 2000MW capacity) -17 km HVDC onshore cable -new HVDC Converter station at Hawthorn Pit -new HVDC Converter station at Torness -new 400kV 20 bay GIS (non SF6) substation at Hawthorn Pit - 2 Additional bays at Branxton Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) – non sulphur hexafluoride (SF6) substation - Extension of existing Norton substation - Protection changes at existing Offerton substation 	31 December 2028	£2,492,205,963	PA
<p>Eastern Scotland to England link: Peterhead to Drax offshore HVDC (NOA Code: E4D3) consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1.8-1.9GW additional network capacity; - 436km HVDC marine cable - 70km onshore cable; 	31 December 2030	£4,295,638,278	PA

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - new converter station at Wren Hall - new converter station at Peterhead; - 3 new bays in Peterhead - 1 new bay in Drax substation - Reinforcement of existing substations and infrastructure to support E4D3 			
Eastern Scotland to England 3rd link: Peterhead to West Norfolk offshore HVDC (EGL3) (NOA Code: E4L5)	31 August 2034	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF
400 kV upgrade of Brinsworth to Chesterfield double circuit and Chesterfield to High Marnham double circuit. New High Marnham and Chesterfield 400 kV substations (NOA Code: EDEU)	31 December 2029	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF
New Chesterfield to Ratcliffe-on-Soar 400 kV double circuit (NOA Code: EDN2)	31 December 2031	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF
New 400kV double circuit between South Humber and West Norfolk (NOA Code: GWNC)	31 December 2033	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF
Uprate Hackney, Tottenham and Waltham Cross 275 kV to 400 kV (NOA Code: HWUP)	31 December 2028	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF
New 400kV substations and relevant 275kV circuits upgrades and new 275kV and 400kV circuits between the existing Norton to Osbaldwick circuits and Monk Fryston (NOA Code: OPN2)	31 December 2028	£368,126,448	PA
Pentir to Trawsfynydd cable replacement (NOA Code: PTC1)	31 December 2029	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF
North Wales reinforcement (NOA Code: PTNO)	31 December 2030	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF

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New Offshore HVDC link between Suffolk and Kent option 1 (NOA Code: SCD1)	31 December 2031	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF
Eastern subsea HVDC link from East Scotland to West Norfolk (EGL4) (NOA Code: TGDC)	31 August 2034	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF
Tilbury to Grain and Tilbury to Kingsnorth upgrade (NOA Code: TKRE)	31 December 2029	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF

Appendix 2

ASTI Output availability standard

ASTI Output	Minimum circuit availability standard after delivery (%)	Minimum circuit availability standard after delivery (%)	Minimum circuit availability standard after delivery (%)
	0-6 months	6-12 months	12-24 months
New 400 kV double circuit in north East Anglia (NOA Code: AENC)			
New 400 kV double circuit in south East Anglia (NOA Code: ATNC)			
New 400 kV double circuit between Bramford and Twinstead (NOA Code: BTNO)			
New 400 kV double circuit between Creyke Beck and the south Humber (NOA Code: CGNC)			
Eastern subsea HVDC link from Torness to Hawthorn Pit (NOA Code: E2DC)			

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Eastern Scotland to England link: Peterhead to Drax offshore HVDC (NOA Code: E4D3)			
Eastern Scotland to England 3rd link: Peterhead to West Norfolk offshore HVDC (EGL3) (NOA Code: E4L5)			
400 kV upgrade of Brinsworth to Chesterfield double circuit and Chesterfield to High Marnham double circuit. New High Marnham and Chesterfield 400 kV substations (NOA Code: EDEU)			
New Chesterfield to Ratcliffe-on-Soar 400 kV double circuit (NOA Code: EDN2)			
New 400kV double circuit between South Humber and West Norfolk (NOA Code: GWNC)			
Uprate Hackney, Tottenham and Waltham Cross 275 kV to 400 kV (NOA Code: HWUP)			
New 400 kV double circuit between the existing Norton to Osbaldwick circuit and Poppleton and relevant 275 kV upgrades (NOA Code: OPN2)			

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Pentir to Trawsfynydd cable replacement (NOA Code: PTC1)			
North Wales reinforcement (NOA Code: PTNO)			
New Offshore HVDC link between Suffolk and Kent option 1 (NOA Code: SCD1)			
Eastern subsea HVDC link from East Scotland to West Norfolk (EGL4) (NOA Code: TGDC)			
Tilbury to Grain and Tilbury to Kingsnorth upgrade (NOA Code: TKRE)			

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Annex 4. SHET's Special Condition 3.21 Accelerated strategic transmission investment Re-opener and Price Control Deliverable term (ASTIR_t)

Special Condition 3.21 Accelerated strategic transmission investment Re-opener and Price Control Deliverable term (ASTIR_t)

Introduction

6.21.1 The purpose of this condition is to specify the value of the term ASTIR_t (the accelerated strategic transmission investment Re-opener term). This contributes to the calculation of the Totex Allowance.

6.21.2 The effect of this condition is to:

(a) specify the ASTI Outputs, delivery dates and allowances for the Price Control Deliverable;

(b) establish a Re-opener for the licensee to apply for an adjustment to the ASTI Outputs, delivery dates and allowances in Appendix 1 and the minimum circuit availability standard after delivery in Appendix 2;

(c) provide for an assessment of the Price Control Deliverable; and

(d) establish the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document.

6.21.3 This condition also sets out the process the Authority will follow when making changes to Appendix 1 as a result of the Re-openers.

Part A: Formula for calculating the accelerated strategic transmission investment Re-opener term (ASTIR_t)

6.21.4 The value of ASTIR_t is derived in accordance with the following formula:

where:

ASTI_{At} means the allowances in Appendix 1; and

ASTIR_{At} has the value zero unless otherwise directed by the Authority in accordance with Part G.

Part B: ASTI Outputs

6.21.5 The licensee must deliver the ASTI Outputs no later than 12 months after the delivery dates specified in Appendix 1.

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6.21.6 After the ASTI Output has been delivered it must be operational and available for use by the ISOP for the period specified in Appendix 2 after application of the exclusions set out in Chapter 4 of the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document.

Part C: Early Construction Funding

6.21.7 The licensee may, in respect of any ASTI Output, apply for an Early Construction Funding decision to adjust ASTIAt.

6.21.8 Unless the Authority directs otherwise, the aggregate allowances provided under paragraph 3.21.7 for any ASTI Output may not exceed 20% of the total forecast project cost listed in the ASTI Confidential Annex.

6.21.9 The licensee must notify the Authority in writing of its intention to make an application under 3.21.7 at least eight weeks before making an application, unless the Authority directs otherwise.

6.21.10 A modification under this Part will be made under section 11A of the Act.

Part D: ASTI Project Assessment Decision

6.21.11 The licensee may, in respect of any ASTI, apply for an ASTI Project Assessment Decision and an associated modification of Appendices 1 and 2 to:

(a)specify or amend an ASTI Output, a delivery date and associated allowances; and

(b)specify the minimum circuit availability standard after delivery for the relevant ASTI Output.

6.21.12 Unless the Authority otherwise directs, the licensee may only apply for an ASTI Project Assessment Decision after submission of all material planning consent applications.

6.21.13 A modification under this Part will be made under section 11A of the Act.

Part E: ASTI Cost And Output Adjusting Event

6.21.14 The licensee may apply for a modification to the ASTI Outputs and allowances in Appendix 1 where it considers that there has been one or more ASTI Cost And Output Adjusting Event.

6.21.15 The licensee may only apply under this Part to modify allowances in Appendix 1 where:

(a)expenditure has been caused to increase or decrease by at least the percentage specified in, or in accordance with, paragraph 3.21.17, calculated

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before the application of the Totex Incentive Mechanism, relative to the relevant allowance in Appendix 1 by the event or if there has been more than one event:

i.by each event;

ii.if the Authority has directed that the events in relation to the relevant ASTI Output should count cumulatively towards the percentage threshold,; and

iii.the increase or decrease in expenditure is expected to be efficiently incurred or saved.

6.21.16 The licensee may apply under this Part to modify the ASTI Outputs in Appendix 1 only where there is a material change to the scope of the relevant ASTI project.

6.21.17 The percentage referred to in paragraph 3.21.15(a) is:

(a)5%; or

(b)for the purpose of ASTI Output E4D3, 0.75%; or

(c)such other percentage as the Authority may specify by direction.

6.21.18 An application under this Part must be made in writing and must:

(a)include detailed supporting evidence that an ASTI Cost And Output Adjusting Event meeting the requirements set out in paragraphs 3.21.15, or where applicable 3.21.16, has occurred;

(b)set out the modifications requested to the ASTI Outputs or associated allowances in Appendix 1;

(c)explain the basis of the calculation for any proposed modification to the allowances in Appendix 1, which must be designed to keep, so far as is reasonably practicable, the financial position and performance of the licensee the same as if the ASTI Cost And Output Adjusting Event had not occurred; and

(d)include a statement from a technical adviser, who is external to and independent from the licensee, whether, considered in the context of the value of the ASTI Output, the proposed modification to the ASTI Output or associated allowances fairly reflects the effects of the ASTI Cost And Output Adjusting Event.

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6.21.19 The Authority may make a modification under this Part where:

- (a) there has been an application under this Part;
- (b) there has been an ASTI Cost And Output Adjusting Event in relation to the relevant ASTI;
- (c) the requirements of paragraphs 3.21.14 to 3.21.18, where applicable, have been met; and
- (d) the proposed modifications to Appendix 1 have the effect so far as is reasonably practicable of keeping the financial position and performance of the licensee the same as if the ASTI Cost And Output Adjusting Event had not occurred.

6.21.20 A modification under this Part will be made under section 11A of the Act.

Part F: Modification of delivery date in Appendix 1 further to an ASTI ODI Penalty Exemption Period decision or ASTI ODI Target Date decision under Part B of Special Condition 4.7 (Accelerated strategic transmission investment output delivery incentive)

6.21.21 The Authority will modify the delivery dates in Appendix 1 where it decides under Part B of Special Condition 4.7 (Accelerated strategic transmission investment output delivery incentive) to make a modification to the ASTI ODI Penalty Exemption Period or ASTI ODI Target Date in Appendix 1 of Special Condition 4.7.

6.21.22 A modification under this Part will be made under section 11A of the Act.

G: Assessment of the Price Control Deliverable (ASTIRAt)

6.21.23 The Authority will, in accordance with the assessment principles set out in Part A of Special Condition 9.3 (Price Control Deliverable assessment principles and reporting requirements), consider directing a value for ASTIRAt where the licensee has not Fully Delivered an output in Appendix 1.

H: What process will the Authority follow in making a direction?

6.21.24 Before making a direction under Part G the Authority will publish on the Authority's Website:

- (a) the text of the proposed direction;
- (b) the reasons for the proposed direction; and

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(c) a period during which representations may be made on the proposed direction, which will be up to 28 days unless the Authority determines that a longer period is appropriate.

6.21.25 A direction in respect of Part G will set out:

(a) the delivery status of the ASTI Output that has not been Fully Delivered;

(b) the value of the ASTIRt term and the Regulatory Years to which that adjustment relates; and

(c) the methodology and data that has been used to decide the delivery status and value of any adjustments to the ASTIRt term.

Part I: Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document

6.21.26 The licensee must comply with the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document.

6.21.27 The Authority will issue and amend the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document by direction.

6.21.28 The Authority will publish the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document on the Authority's Website.

6.21.29 The Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document will make provision about the detailed requirements for Parts C, D, E and F.

6.21.30 The Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document will also make provision about the detailed requirements under Special Condition 3.20 (ASTI Pre-Construction Funding Re-opener, Price Control Deliverable and Use It Or Lose It Adjustment) and Special Condition 4.7 (ASTI output delivery incentive).

6.21.31 Before directing that the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document comes into effect, the Authority will publish on the Authority's Website:

(a) the text of the proposed Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document;

(b) the date on which the Authority intends the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document to come into effect; and

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(c) a period during which representations may be made on the text of the proposed Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document, which will be up to 28 days unless the Authority determines that a longer period is appropriate.

6.21.32 Before directing an amendment to the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document, the Authority will publish on the Authority's Website:

(a) the text of the amended Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document;

(b) the date on which the Authority intends the amended Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document to come into effect;

(c) the reasons for the amendments to the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document; and

(d) a period during which representations may be made on the amendments to the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment Guidance and Submissions Requirements Document, which will be up to 28 days unless the Authority determines that a longer period is appropriate.

Appendix 1

ASTI Price Control Deliverable

ASTI Output	Delivery Date	Allowance (ASTI_t, £m)	ECF/PA
Beaulieu to Blackhillock 400 kV double circuit addition (NOA Code: BBNC)	31 December 2031	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF
Upgrade the Beaulieu to Denny 275 kV circuit to 400 kV (NOA Code: BDUP)	31 December 2031	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF
Beaulieu to Loch Buidhe 400 kV reinforcement (NOA Code: BLN4)	31 December 2031	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF

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New 400 kV double circuit between Blackhillock and Peterhead (NOA Code: BPNC)	31 December 2031	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF
Eastern Scotland to England link: Peterhead to Drax offshore HVDC (NOA Code: E4D3)	31 December 2030	£4,295,638,278	PA
Eastern Scotland to England 3rd link: Peterhead to West Norfolk offshore HVDC (EGL3)(NOA Code: E4L5)	31 August 2034	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF
Spittal to Peterhead HVDC reinforcement (NOA Code: PSDC)	31 December 2031	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF
Loch Buidhe to Spittal 400 kV reinforcement (NOA Code: SLU4)	31 December 2031	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF
East Coast Onshore 400 kV Phase 2 reinforcement (NOA Code: TKUP)	31 December 2031	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF
Arnish to Beaulieu 1.8GW HVDC link (Western Isles)	31 December 2031	Have the values given in the ASTI Confidential Annex.	ECF

Appendix 2

ASTI Output availability standard

ASTI Output	Minimum circuit availability standard after delivery (%)	Minimum circuit availability standard after delivery (%)	Minimum circuit availability standard after delivery (%)
	0-6 months	6-12 months	12-24 months
Beaulieu to Blackhillock 400 kV double circuit addition (NOA Code: BBNC)			

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Uprate the Beaully to Denny 275 kV circuit to 400 kV (NOA Code: BDUP)			
Beaully to Loch Buidhe 400 kV reinforcement (NOA Code: BLN4)			
New 400 kV double circuit between Blackhillock and Peterhead (NOA Code: BPNC)			
Eastern Scotland to England link: Peterhead to Drax offshore HVDC (NOA Code: E4D3)			
Eastern Scotland to England 3rd link: Peterhead to West Norfolk offshore HVDC (EGL3)(NOA Code: E4L5)			
Spittal to Peterhead HVDC reinforcement (NOA Code: PSDC)			
Loch Buidhe to Spittal 400 kV reinforcement (NOA Code: SLU4)			
East Coast Onshore 400 kV Phase 2 reinforcement (NOA Code: TKUP)			
Arnish to Beaully 1.8GW HVDC link (Western Isles)			

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Annex 4. Privacy policy

Personal data

The following explains your rights and gives you the information you are entitled to under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Note that this section only refers to your personal data (your name address and anything that could be used to identify you personally), not the content of your response to the consultation.

1. The identity of the controller and contact details of our Data Protection Officer

The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority is the controller, (for ease of reference, “Ofgem”). The Data Protection Officer can be contacted at dpo@ofgem.gov.uk

2. Why we are collecting your personal data

Your personal data is being collected as an essential part of the consultation process, so that we can contact you regarding your response and for statistical purposes. We may also use it to contact you about related matters.

3. Our legal basis for processing your personal data

As a public authority, the GDPR makes provision for Ofgem to process personal data as necessary for the effective performance of a task carried out in the public interest. i.e. a consultation.

4. For how long we will keep your personal data, or criteria used to determine the retention period.

Your personal data will be held for six months after the project is closed.

5. Your rights

The data we are collecting is your personal data, and you have considerable say over what happens to it. You have the right to:

- know how we use your personal data
- access your personal data
- have personal data corrected if it is inaccurate or incomplete
- ask us to delete personal data when we no longer need it
- ask us to restrict how we process your data
- get your data from us and re-use it across other services
- object to certain ways we use your data

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- be safeguarded against risks where decisions based on your data are taken entirely automatically
- tell us if we can share your information with 3rd parties
- tell us your preferred frequency, content and format of our communications with you
- to lodge a complaint with the independent Information Commissioner (ICO) if you think we are not handling your data fairly or in accordance with the law. You can contact the ICO at <https://ico.org.uk/>, or telephone 0303 123 1113.

6. Your personal data will not be sent overseas.

7. Your personal data will not be used for any automated decision making.

8. Your personal data will be stored in a secure government IT system.

9. More information: For more information on how Ofgem processes your data, click on the link to our “[ofgem privacy promise](#)”.